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**Memorandum for: Raymond T. Bowman**  
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**Bureau of the Budget**

**Reference: Memorandum of 23 November requesting**  
**comments on document entitled "Survey of**  
**the End-Use Value of Foreign Economic**  
**and Commercial Reporting.**

**The following are the comments of this Agency on the reference report:**

- 1. We have reviewed the report with much interest and feel that the drafters should be commended for their lucid and comprehensive presentation.**
- 2. For the most part, we are in agreement with the summary of findings and conclusions and concur with the view expressed that "no other source of information about economic conditions abroad available to Government agencies is judged to be a practical alternative to Foreign Service reporting."**
- 3. The Survey implies that foreign economic reporting and Comprehensive Economic Reporting Programs (CERPs) are synonymous. In fact, CERPs exist only for countries of the Free World and Communist China, and do not cover the USSR and the European Satellites. There is, of course, much valuable economic information on Soviet Bloc areas received from the Foreign Service and other sources.**
- 4. We appreciate having had the opportunity of reviewing this interesting and sober survey.**

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